

## Americans Gain Among Seamen On U.S. Vessels

Increase to 96.3 Per Cent of 6,893 Employed by the Sea Service Bureau Last Month, Compared With 89 P. C.

**Evans Refutes Furuseth**

**Denies United States Citizens Are Leaving the Sea During Trade Depression**

Men placed on American vessels in January by the Sea Service Bureau of the Shipping Board numbered 6,893, of which 96.3 per cent were citizens of the United States, according to figures made public yesterday by Captain L. L. Evans, director of the bureau, at 45 Broadway. This was a decrease of 1,211 in the men employed, compared with December, but marked an increase in the proportion of citizens from 89.5 per cent in the previous month.

It was said that these figures definitely refute the charges made some days ago by Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, that Americans are leaving the sea. Mr. Furuseth declared that only 15 to 18 per cent of the crews on American ships are citizens now, compared with approximately 50 per cent a year ago. Attention was directed to the reports of the Commissioners of Navigation, showing that for the last six months of 1921 the number of citizens placed on all ships, privately owned and Shipping Board, was more than 54 per cent. Captain Evans said that the efforts of the board to increase the proportion of Americans were successful despite the recent decrease in wages.

Of the men placed during the month just past, 600 were officers, 363 engineers, and 5,930 seafarers, the latter amounting to 6,296. Only 712 were employed on the Pacific Coast, the rest being placed on the Atlantic and Gulf.

The decrease in the men shipped, said Captain Evans, was not due to any further depression, but to the fact that the board had completed its shifting of vessels to winter quarters in New York and also had about finished its withdrawals of vessels from operation. In both of these operations a large number of men were employed for a few days at a time.

A heavy decline was recorded at New York, with a fall of 544 to 2,434, due to the completion of the movement of ships from Jamaica Bay to Caldwells, on the Hudson. The largest decrease was at Mobile, with a fall of 664 to a total of 241. Philadelphia and Newport News showed gains because of the breaking out of vessels for use in Russian relief shipments.

**Insurance Men Revise New Bill for N. Y. State Conference Held at Offices of Superintendent Stoddard; Will Publish Text**

The text of the bill to amend the New York State law affecting insurance placed with non-admitted foreign companies, which was drafted by a committee of American marine underwriters and representatives of foreign admitted companies, was discussed yesterday at a conference at the offices of Superintendent Francis R. Stoddard, 135 Broadway.

The original draft has been revised considerably, Mr. Stoddard said after the meeting. He declared that the insurance department had not taken a stand one way or the other on the measure, but was seeking to develop the sentiment of all insurance interests. It is probable that the text of the proposed bill will be made public next week to afford comment from the underwriters and bring out their views, he said.

Local insurance men and the admitted foreign companies are seeking some means of correcting the situation created by the existing law. It is said that under this legislation insurance is carried abroad and placed with companies which are not subject to the requirements of the state insurance department.

**Kimball to Confer With Pioneer Ship Purchasers**

**Will Meet Individual Companies Here Next Week to Work Out Basis for Relief**

Harry Kimball, vice-president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in charge of finances, will confer here next week with officials of the ship companies who were pioneer buyers of vessels at high prices, on the basis of what is expected under the new policy adopted by the Shipping Board. Mr. Kimball was at the office of the board, at Broadway, but was concerned only with routine matters.

It is expected that within the next ten days or two weeks the cases of the different companies will be completed to a large extent. Under the new policy forty-one concerns, which bought 380 ships for \$294,000,000, may obtain additional coverage from the government and write down the total cost of their fleet to present market prices.

Commissioner E. G. Flumer was at the offices of the board for a short time yesterday. He just returned from Cleveland and will speak to-day before the National Republican Club on the merchant marine.

**Baltimore S. S. Co. Will Start New York Route**

**New Service to Glasgow to Supplement Existing Line From South**

The Baltimore Steamship Company shortly will start a new service from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and probably Halifax to Glasgow to supplement its present line from Baltimore and Newport News to the British ports, it was learned yesterday. The company is now looking for a larger office space on the sixth floor of the building at 11 Broadway, formerly occupied by the executive offices of the International Mercantile Marine Company. A contract has recently been closed for the movement of 80,000 tons of Porto Rican sugar, it is said. James E. Light, now New York agent for the company, will retain that position in the expansion of the service.

**Hospital for Joint Diseases Increases Site for New Home**

The Hospital for Joint Diseases purchased from George W. Weston 50 East 124th Street, a three-story dwelling, 18-100. With this acquisition the hospital has now assembled a site 200x145, upon which it will construct an eight-story building from the plans being prepared by Buchman & Kahn. Benjamin Bernstein was the broker.

## Marine Reports

**THE TIDES**  
High water Low water  
AM PM AM PM  
Sunday, Feb. 12 7:44 12:41 1:21  
Montauk Island, N.Y. 7:02 8:03 1:39  
Hell Gate, N.Y. 7:02 8:03 1:39

**Winds at Sea To-day**

North of Sandy Hook—Fresh southeast and south winds, overcast thick weather, no clouds to Florida Straits—Fresh south and southwest winds, except moderate over the Florida Straits, overcast, with moderate light winds north portion of Gulf and southwest winds and overcast.

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Arrived Yesterday

Canton, Man. (Cap.), Feb. 10, 1922.—Arrived, 2:45 P.M., Hong Kong, Oct. 27, 1921.

Singapore, Feb. 10, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Dec. 12, 1921.

Hong Kong, Feb. 10, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Jan. 13, to the Ningpo River, Yenan, Kansu, with mules, Pier 2.

Santa Marta, Cartagena, Jan. 27, Puerto Colombia, Jan. 28.—Santa Marta, Feb. 2, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Port Said, 1921.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb. 2, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Aug. 13, 1921.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb. 2, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Jan. 21, Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20, 1922.

Toronto, Port Lyautey, Feb. 2, to the Texas Co., San Francisco, Feb. 2, 1922.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 2, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Feb. 2, 1922.

Asuncion, Paraguay, Feb. 2, 1922.—Arrived, 1:30 P.M., Feb. 2, 1922.

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